

key in words that must mean fight in the wild and woolly West, unless his opponent can be driven from the field by threats of personal injury. Mr. Johnson declared that for the last two or three weeks rumors of the most outrageous character had been put in circulation about him. He said these attacks were his personal enemies, that these allegations declared that he (Johnson) was a habitual drunkard; that he was frequently on the floor of the House in a state of intoxication that unfitted him for the transaction of public business. The phase of these seemingly anonymous attacks that most offended Mr. Johnson was the allegation that as a consequence of his habitual intoxication he abused his wife and children. It was a surprise to members of the House on both sides to learn that any such allegations had been made, for it is due to Mr. Johnson to state that he enjoys the character of an exemplary man, even among his political opponents.

HOLDS WATSON RESPONSIBLE.
It was Mr. Johnson himself, however, who asserted that such mean and malicious reports had been circulated in his Congressional district, and that the false statements had reached Washington. In his interview, before leaving for his home to-day, Mr. Johnson repeated the substance of the assaults that had been made upon his character. He said:

"I am told that Watson denies having ever made any of these statements about me. I do not believe him. He either started these stories himself or he knows whose dirty work they are. At all events, hold him directly responsible. I leave here to-day and will be at my home in Richmond, Ind., to-morrow. I have telegraphed my friends in Henry County to notify Mr. Watson of my coming and of the fact that I shall demand a public explanation of these stories. Acting under my instructions, my friends have challenged Mr. Watson to meet me at any point in Henry County, and before the people, who know as both, I shall make him repeat these lies or swallow them."

Representative Johnson continued in much the same strain, evidently laboring under a sense of strong indignation and excitement. He denounced the conduct of Watson as "dastardly" and added: "I would not have left Washington for a single day in behalf of my contest for the nomination had Watson pursued the course of an honorable man in his fight against me. But," he continued, "when he stoops to the methods of the blackguard and not only seeks to blacken my character, but drags the names of my wife and children into the mire of the campaign, then, as a man, I owe it to myself to meet him face to face and brand him as the liar he is. I have challenged him to meet me publicly."

A DUEL MAY RESULT.
"He must not expect to find safety in cowardly skulking. I will follow him wherever he appears, and sooner or later I will confront him, and then and there we will settle the question as to who is the coward and drunkard."

Congressman Johnson is noted for his impetuous charges in the House upon those who oppose him in debate. He is said to belong to a noted fighting family. The friends of Watson declare that he will not shrink from the meeting proposed by Johnson. Unless the scriptural injunction of making soft answers to turn away wrath shall be adopted by one side or the other, or one of the rivals shall give way to the other, there must be some fighting unless Indiana has lost her reputation as a worthy neighbor of Kentucky.

SMASH-UP ON THE HIGH "L" CURVE.

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of the women, and even men, hesitate before making the change. They were all finally transferred safely, and then the work of clearing away the wreck was begun.

A wrecking engine came down from One Hundred and Forty-fifth street and hauled the train back to the yards. Both of the engines that in the collision were so badly damaged that they had to be repaired before they could be moved. The front of No. 12 was so badly smashed that chassis had to be used in hauling her out of the way. At 8:40 o'clock the track was cleared, and the late afternoon expresses ran over it as usual.

SUPERINTENDENT SMITH'S INQUIRY.
Superintendent S. D. Smith made a personal investigation of the "L" road accident last night. The inquiry was not finished at a late hour, but enough was known to fix the blame.

The switchman at One Hundred and Sixteenth street, John H. Fisher, of No. 2080 Eighth avenue, said:

"The fault was at the other end, and not with me," he said. "The express had the right of way on the middle track, and in turning it on that track I did what I do every Saturday. The express passed me at 2:37 p. m. There is a bell in the switch-house that is sounded by north-bound trains at the curve at One Hundred and Tenth street. This bell is not put on, so it will ring until after the last south-bound express goes down. It was not working at the time of the accident, as the express went in the collision was the last one south-bound. The accident could have been easily averted if they had noticed me that the engine was in the middle track. I could then have let the express go on down on the outer track. The bell was several train lengths away from the place of the collision. The Sixth avenue special is scheduled to run on the middle track only from One Hundred and Sixteenth street to Eighty-first street, where it takes the outer track again. It skips only One Hundred and Fourth and Ninety-third street stations."

FAULT OF THE WILD ENGINE.
The fault was thus placed upon the side of the wild engine, which manifestly did not belong on the middle track.

The investigation proved that the engine got on the middle track at Fifty-third street. This was because a train was ahead, and it is the custom to give such engines the middle track and then turn them off for the express south-bound on the middle track. There are switches at Fifty-third street, at Eighty-first street and at other stations. The train dispatcher at the Fifty-third street office at the time had charge of the Ninth avenue train, and the wild engine was a Ninth avenue engine. This train dispatcher was S. A. Smith, who is regularly at Reisterstown, but takes the Fifty-third street place from 1 p. m. to 2:30 p. m., while the other dispatchers go to dinner. Smith must have seen the engine and could have ordered it turned on the outer track at Fifty-third street and at several other points. He must have forgotten about the express or supposed the last one had gone down. Smith self declares the engine was running on the middle track. The engine was ahead of the train. Between the two of them the fault was supposed to rest.

Only one person died in the disaster, said Broadway, bet. 21st and 22nd sts.



VIEWING THE FLORAL DONATION.

INNOCENT OF HER FATHER'S MURDER.

Mrs. Valois Discharged by the Judge Before Whom She Was on Trial.

Curious Tale of Neighborhood Quarrels, Persecution and a Daughter's Love.

ROESSLER HAD TAKEN HIS OWN LIFE.

Charged by His Enemies with His Murder, the Daughter Left the Flats, but Voluntarily Returned for Trial.

Providence, R. I., March 21.—Mrs. Clara Valois, who was charged with the murder of her father, John W. Roessler, at their home, in the town of Setauna, was discharged in the Eight District Court to-day. Although Roessler died on November 7, 1895, and the warrant for Mrs. Valois's arrest was issued on November 18, it was not served until early this month, and yesterday she appeared for trial before Judge Johnson in the District Court.

From the time when Mrs. Valois was first suspected of the murder of her father, she has insisted upon her innocence, and her voluntary appearance in court, after her long absence from the State, was a surprise to those who believed that she was guilty. The efforts of the State to prove her guilty, however, were fruitless, and when the town solicitor, Franklin P. Owen, had concluded his plea, shortly before 7 o'clock to-night, Judge Johnson did not hesitate to order her discharge.

The case as brought out in the testimony shows that a most peculiar state of affairs existed in the town of Setauna. John W. Roessler was a nervous and irritable old man, who was always ready to pick a quarrel. He had frequently assaulted the members of his family, and had made enemies of many of his neighbors. In fact, he was so generally disliked that he was persecuted in many ways. His cow was stolen, his fences were torn down, the hatters of his horses and cattle were out, and he was served with writs of attachment in what he claimed were trumped-up cases.

PROTECTED HER FATHER.
Roessler had no money, and was at the mercy of what was designated during the trial as the "Loach gang" until his daughter, Mrs. Valois, came to live with him. She had a few hundred dollars, and she placed this at the disposal of her father, and helped him to win his cases when they came to court. This, as was shown, turned the spite of the family enemies against her, and when, in November, Roessler committed suicide by shooting himself in the right temple, a number of the neighbors accused her of his murder.

An hour after the body had been found, and two hours before the arrival of the coroner, the story had been circulated through the town that "Clara had killed her father," and although the verdict of the medical examiner had been that Roessler had taken his own life, the country feud was carried so far, and the suspicious were expressed so openly, that the town officials were compelled to issue a warrant for her arrest.

In order to escape the disgrace of a long term of imprisonment before trial, Mrs. Valois left the State and remained out of sight until she was assured that she could obtain bond and be admitted to bail. The trial which commenced yesterday was a complete vindication of Mrs. Valois. She was represented by S. W. Ashton, of Fall River, Mass., while Town Solicitor Owen and Assistant Attorney-General Dubois represented the State. The evidence presented by the State was entirely circumstantial, and largely of a sympathetic character. An effort was made to show that Mrs. Valois had previously threatened her father's life and that he was afraid of her, and that the position of the body and the revolver precluded any possibility of suicide.

HER INNOCENCE SHOWN.
The evidence for the defense was complete, however. It was shown that Mrs. Valois was her father's favorite child, and that she had always assisted him in every way, sending him money and going to him when he was ill or in trouble. Mrs. Roessler, her mother, also testified that when the shot was fired she opened her eyes and had seen Mrs. Valois asleep in bed, and that she had not known of the shooting until she woke her and told her. The defense also introduced a medical expert testimony to show that suicide was the only plausible theory.

A great amount of testimony was offered to show that Roessler was not mentally sound, and a dozen witnesses testified that Mrs. Valois's prosecution was the direct result of the spite of those whom she had defeated in their attempts to defend and impose upon her father, and when Judge Johnson delivered his decision and ordered the discharge of the prisoner was with difficulty that the officers controlled the crowd until court had adjourned.

A Veteran Policeman Dead.
Rondanina John Harris, of the East Thirty-third Street Police Station, died last night at his home, No. 232 Treadwell place. Harris was for the past few years in charge of the prison ward at Bellevue Hospital. He had been on the police force for twenty-two years.

We heard a mechanic say that he would not be without Salvation Oil. It kills pain.

Last Farewells to the American Athletes Who Will Compete at Athens.

The eight young amateurs who sailed yesterday on the Fulda, to take part in the great revival of Olympian games, were speeded on their way by the cheers of many friends. Fair admirers brought gifts of flowers, which the contestants hope to repay with leaves of laurel, pluckily won.

ATHLETES SAIL AWAY FOR ATHENS.

The Eight Amateurs Who Will Compete in Olympian Games Leave on the Fulda.

Friends of the Boston and Princeton Teams Speed the Departing Ship with Cheers.

FLOWERS FROM FAIR ADMIRERS.

All the Men Depart in Good Spirits, Hopeful of Bringing Back Laurel Leaves in Return for These Gifts.

The eight sturdy athletes upon whom will devolve the task of upholding American athletic prowess at Athens sailed for Naples on the Fulda yesterday morning.

The four Princeton College men are Robert Garrett, E. A. Lane, H. B. Jamison and A. C. Traylor. The Boston Athletic Association's party consists of John G. Graham, their manager; Elmer H. Clark, Thomas E. Burke and Arthur Blake.

The large wharf was crowded long before the sailing hour with friends and admirers of the Boston Athletic Association team, among whom were a number of young society belles. The Princeton team arrived at the dock at about 9:30, accompanied by a small coterie of friends, and immediately went to their staterooms, where they held a reception, which was continued in the ship's saloon.

The "riggers" send-off was in marked contrast to that given the "Habitués," whose admirers yelled themselves hoarse.

In the saloon the two teams were formally introduced by S. S. J. Vlasco, the Greek editor and Chairman of the American Executive Committee. Harry Cornish, of the New Manhattan A. C., and a party of Columbia College men were present to bid the teams bon voyage.

The tables in the main saloon were covered with baskets of flowers and large bouquets sent by the teams' well wishers. The most noticeable piece was a tiger head and feteon with the Princeton colors and which bore no card. All of the team wore small badges on which were printed the Greek and American flags.

Shortly before 10 o'clock a large delegation of Bostonians arrived at the wharf and crowded up the gangway to the saloon, where they indulged in merry-making until the last bell was sounded for visitors, when there was a rush for the dock. A few minutes later the steamer left the moorings, amid cheers and college cries.

The staterooms of the athletes are on the port side, and in two of them, which are connecting, are arranged the various athletic apparatus with which the Boston athletes will endeavor to keep their muscles supple. On the hurricane deck every corner is made up by the ship's officers to make the open air work of the team a success. A fifty-yard track has been marked out in three alleys.

These arrangements were all made for the Boston team, and it was somewhat of a surprise when it was discovered that the Princetonians had made no arrangements for athletic appliances, or for exercising in general during the voyage. Manager Graham, of the Boston A. A., lost no time in inviting the college men to work with his team during the trip. Captain Garrett accepted the invitation. In speaking of his team Captain Garrett said:

"None of our men is what you might term a crackman as compared with athletes of other colleges. We will all do our best, however, and I feel that we will more than surprise the people at the primitive home of sports."

Manager Graham said: "I am going over to condition our team and keep them at work on board ship. We will practice starts, jumps and short dashes every day."

In addition to the eight athletes, W. Welles Hoyt, a hurdle racer and pole vaulting champion in Boston; Gardner Williams, a swimmer; Jimmy Connolly, of Harvard, and Tom Barry have gone along. This quartet may or may not take part in the games, but will be on hand to fill any vacancy in the event of illness.

Watch for the Cuban War Puzzle, driving the Spaniard from the Gem of the Antilles. 10c.

A YOUTHFUL PYROMANIAC.

Says He Set a Dozen Fires to Satisfy a Craving He Could Not Describe.

Boston, March 21.—At Police Headquarters there is locked up Edward A. Jarvis, a fifteen-year-old Cambridge Ind. who has confessed to setting nine fires in the College City within the past few weeks. Fire Marshal Whitcomb and other experts who have talked with him, say they believe him to be a decided pyromaniac.

This morning he entered an unoccupied building in East Cambridge and scattered ammonia about a closet and set it afire. It did no damage, and then he fired a pile of shavings. Then he went outside and pulled in an alarm. When the firemen arrived they found him acting suspiciously, and sent him to Mr. Whitcomb, to whom he confessed.

"I didn't set the fires because I wanted to see the engines come out, but I just couldn't help it. Every once in a while I would have a funny kicking sensation all over my body, and the only way I can stop it is to start a fire. I have to start fires."

He told the fire marshal that he had used kerosene, cigarettes and medical compounds to start fires. For some few months Cambridge and Somerville have been visited weekly by incendiary fires in the business section. The police believe that the boy set all of these fires, which entailed a property loss of \$200,000, but he will not acknowledge that he set all of them. He will be held until Monday, when he will be examined as to his sanity.

Widow Helps to Honor Heroes.
Mrs. Mary M. Decker, widow of ex-Chief John Decker, of the Fire Department, has sent the following letter to the members of the Society of Firemen, New York Volunteers:

"I see that you are going to erect a monument to the noble firemen and soldiers at Gettysburg. It affords me great pleasure to be one of the subscribers to this noble cause. 'Please accept the widow's mite in the name of the departed who would give his last dollar in honor of his deceased companions, for he had the most friendly feeling for the boys, as he called them.'"

Gold-Brick Suspect Discharged.
Henry Diney, who was charged with complicity in the gold-brick swindle, by which it was intended to obtain \$175,000 from George Plummer Campbell, a few days ago, was discharged yesterday in the Essex Market Court by Magistrate Brann for lack of evidence.

Spring Spring Spring

Is the season for purifying, cleansing, and renewing. The accumulations of waste everywhere are being removed. Winter's ley group is broken and on all sides are indications of nature's returning life, renewed force, and awakening power.

Spring Spring Spring

Is the time for purifying the blood, cleansing the system, and renewing the physical powers. Owing to close confinement, diminished perspiration and other causes, in the Winter, impurities have not passed out of the system as they should, but have accumulated in the blood.

Spring Spring Spring

Is therefore the best time to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, because the system is now most in need of medicine. That Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier and spring medicine is proved by its wonderful cures. A course of Hood's Sarsaparilla now may prevent great suffering later on.

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16TH ST., 525 EAST—Furnished room to a gentleman; private family; \$2; near Park.

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